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CHINESE COMMUNISTS EXPAND MILITIA

According to Chinese-language newspapers from New York, Canton, and Hong Kong sources during October and November 1950, Communist China has greatly expanded its militia. It has been reported that:

1. People's militia strength in Communist China numbers 5.5 million, distributed as follows: 563,774 in the Northeast; 1,072,417 in East China including 200,000 in Anhwei; 2,371,900 in North China; 1,157,690 in Central and South China including 200,000 in Hunan; and 335,950 in the Northwest.
2. It has been recognized that the militia has held an important position in the preservation of peace in China. Militia training is being given in various areas.
3. Kirin held a militia delegates conference on 10 - 14 October 1950.

5.5 MILLION MILITIA IN ALL CHINA -- Canton, Nan-fang Jih-pao, 25 Oct 50

Peiping, 23 October (Hsin-hua) -- On 20 October 1950, at the close of the All-China Militia Activities Conference which was attended by 32 militia cadres representing the various military districts, Chang Ching-wu (1) [number refers to appended characters], chief of the Militia Division (jen-min wu-chuan pu) of the People's Revolutionary Military Council, reported that under the able leadership of Mao Tse-tung and Chu Te the Chinese Communist militia has expanded to a force of over 5,500,000 members. He further stated that in the past, the militia had ably supplemented the regular army in suppressing bandits and KMT agents, and stressed that a strong, well-trained militia must be maintained to keep China strong.

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NORTHEAST INCREASES MILITIA STRENGTH -- Canton, Nan-fang Jih-pao, 24 Oct 50

Peiping, 22 October (Hsin-hua) -- The Northeast Militia and Model Defense Forces (mu-fan tzu-wei tui) consist of 563,774 men who have received military and political training. It is said that an average of 82.3 percent was achieved by these men in the military examination and 84.7 percent in the political examination.

Special emphasis has been placed by the Heilungkiang Military Affairs Headquarters on cadre military training. To date, 4,200 cadres have been trained to serve in the militia.

2,300,000 IN NORTH CHINA MILITIA -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 25 Oct 50

Peiping, 24 October (Hsin-hua) -- The North China militia consists of approximately 2,371,900 men, of whom 1,531,029 are from youth units and other self-defense units.

335,950 IN NORTHWEST MILITIA -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 27 Oct 50

Peiping, 26 October (Hsin-hua) -- The Northwest Military District has expanded its militia to contain 335,950 men. In Shansi and Kansu, the militia is well established while those in the comparatively new areas such as Sinkiang, Tsinghai, Ninghsia, etc., are being expanded.

1,072,417-MAN MILITIA IN EAST CHINA -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 27 Oct 50

Peiping, 26 October (Hsin-hua) -- The East China Military District has expanded its militia to 1,072,417 men. This unit had its origin in the organization early in the Sino-Japanese conflict of the Shantung and North Kiangsu self-defense forces which became the militia in 1942.

ANWEI FORMS 200,000-MAN MILITIA -- New York, Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 30 Oct 50

Hong Kong, 27 October -- A 200,000-man armed militia unit has been formed in Anhwei Province to suppress destructive antirevolutionary activities instigated by KMT special agents and also to maintain peace within the province.

1,157,690 IN CENTRAL, SOUTH CHINA MILITIA -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 25 Oct 50

Hankow, 23 October (Hsin-hua) -- The militia in the Central and South China Military District has expanded to 1,157,690 men. During the past 8 years, militias in the various areas within the district have been organized to oppose Japanese occupation and to liberate the people.

200,000 IN HUNAN MILITIA -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 13 Nov 50

Chang-sha, 2 November (Hsin-hua) -- The militia in Hunan Province consists of approximately 200,000 men. Prior to May 1950, the militia in east and north Hunan, the early liberated areas, had been well established. Recently, militia units have been formed in other parts to suppress bandits and maintain order.

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MILITIA LEADERS TRAINED IN CANTON -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 7 Oct 50

Canton, 6 October -- A 3-month training class for leaders of militia units in the CCF Sixth Military Subdistrict has been ordered by the Kwangtung Military District. The class, to begin 1 November 1950, will study policy making and administration.

KIRIN HOLDS MILITIA CONFERENCE -- Canton, Nan-fang Jih-pao, 27 Oct 50

Mukden, 26 October (Hsin-hua) -- On 10 - 14 October 1950, Kirin held a province-wide militia delegates conference which was attended by representatives from 22 hsien and localities within the province, and also from Heilungkiang, Sungkiang, Liaotung, etc. At this conference, the strength and past experiences of the militia were studied and the future aims were determined. Delegates were given examinations to test their political and military knowledge. As a result, the grades disclosed that the delegates were well informed on the subjects tested.

In a speech made by Chang Hsien-t'ing (2), chairman of the Kirin Provincial People's Government Military Affairs Department, it was revealed that the Kirin self-defense forces will be expanded in 1950, military and political knowledge of members will be increased, and a continued antsubversive activities program will be adopted.

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